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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/18/2007

SPONSOR Leavell LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Collection of Fees by Certain Magistrates SB 64

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 64 amends Section 35-3-6 NMSA 1978 (1999) to remove the provision prohibiting a magistrate action in another magistrate district pursuant to designation by the appropriate district judge from collecting fees or costs. The change is consistent with language in later statutes that certain fees and costs shall not be waived, deferred or suspended.

The language of the section is also changed from masculine pronouns to gender-neutral language.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The later statute controls, in accordance with Section 12-2A-10.A (1997). The change merely cleans up the statutes to make them consistent and eliminates a possible source of confusion.

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